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Mustered in as Private in Company A, Sixth Ohio Infantry, April 20th, 1861, at Camp Harrison near Cincinnati, Ohio. Discharged May 15th, 1861, to accept a Lieutenancy in the Regular Army. Appointed Second Lieutenant, Fifth U. S. Cavalry, May 7th, 1861, and assigned to C. (Royall's) Company serving under General Geo. H. Thomas in Patterson's Army. Was the first officer of that command to cross the Potomac on a Cavalry scout (June 5th). Was engaged in the actions at Falling Water and Bunker Hill. While on a scout near Berryville, discovered the movement of Johnson's army to re-enforce Beauregard and reported the same to Patterson (June 19th).

He served with the Cavalry Battalion until September 30th, 1861, although he had in the meantime been commissioned a Captain of Infantry, waiving his rank to continue in the field as a Lieutenant. He induced General Robert Anderson to procure the appointment of General George H. Thomas as Brigadier General of Volunteers. (*Vide*) Price's History of the Fifth Cavalry and Van Horn's Life of Thomas.

Commissioned Captain of 12th Infantry, May 14, 1861, and assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion. Was ordered to Ohio to recruit his own com-

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pany. He enlisted 103 accepted recruits in Pickaway, Fayette and Fairfield Counties, Ohio, between November, 1861, and May, 1862. Reported at Fort Hamilton, the headquarters of his regiment. As senior Captain he organized the Second Battalion, Twelfth Infantry and was ordered to the field with it May 24th.

Was in skirmish at Harper's Ferry, (Bolivar Heights) May 28th. Was sent with his command to open communication with General Banks at Martinsburg, May 29th. On reorganization of Banks' army, served in Prince's Brigade and Augur's Division. Engaged in the Battle of Cedar Mountain, August 9th, 1862. Succeeded to the command of the Battalions of the Eighth and Twelfth Infantries during the battle. His command opened the fight and was hotly engaged at very close quarters, losing nearly one-fourth, only two officers being left for duty out of eleven who went into action. The Battalion was also the last engaged.

He commanded the consolidated Battalions, two Companies of the Eighth and six of the Twelfth, in the engagements at Rappahannock Station, Virginia, August 23d; at Sulphur Springs, August 24th; at Waterloo Bridge, August 25th, and at Manassas August 30th, and at Chantilly, September 1st, (1862). He commanded the rear guard of the Army, from Blackburn's ford to Alexandria, supporting the Fourth Maine Battery.

Was transferred with his Battalion (September 4th), to the First Brigade (Buchanan's) Second Division (Sykes), Fifth (Porter's) Corps, Army of the Potomac.

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Engaged at South Mountain, September 14th, and at Antietam, September 17th, as Battalion Commander. Also at Snickers Gap, November 2d, and at the Battle of Fredericksburg, December 13th and 14th, his Battalion being the last to recross the river.

Continued in command of the Second Battalion Twelfth Infantry until it was consolidated with the First Battalion April 30th, 1863. Was then appointed acting field officer and acted as lieutenant colonel during the rest of the campaign, not drawing the ten dollars a month then allowed for commanding company.

Took part in the engagements of Chancellorsville from May 1st to May 5th, 1863; was wounded and given a sick leave. While on sick leave in Washington City, was placed on duty under the Provost Marshal General—S. O. 225 W. D., May 29th, 1863. Acted for a time as discharge officer in Washington, and as a member of the Board fixing the relative rank of the officers of the Signal Corps. Organized the Invalid (Veteran Reserve) Corps under the direction of the Provost Marshal General. Examined and passed on 24,000 men in the Convalescent Camp at Alexandria, Virginia. Mustered in and organized the first Regiments of the Invalid Corps in the camp on Meridian Hill.

Returned to the field and took command of the Twelfth Infantry at Kettle Run, Virginia, in March, 1864, guarding the Orange and Alexandria R. R. Was reappointed acting field officer March 21st, 1864. In command of regiment until May 1st. Served as lieutenant colonel in the field commanding Second Battalion.

In the battles of the Wilderness, May 5th, 6th and 7th; at Laurel Hill, May 8th; and at Spottsylvania, May 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th; severely wounded May 12th, not able to return to field duty before the close of the campaign. Brevetted June 1st, 1864, for gallantry in the Wilderness. Brevetted June 1st for gallantry in the battle of Spottsylvania.

Appointed Commissary of Musters, per S. O. 263 A. G. O., 1864, served under General Hooker until June, 1865.

Organized and mustered in two regiments of U. S. troops enlisted from the Confederate prisoners in Camps Chase, Morton and Douglas. Superintended the muster out of 25,000 Andersonville prisoners at Camp Chase, May 1865. Assumed command of the Twelfth Infantry at Richmond, Virginia, July 4th, 1865; reorganized the regiment into Battalions of eight companies each.

Transferred with Second Battalion to Petersburg, Virginia, April, 1866; in command until April 1867. Transferred with this Battalion to Twenty-first Infantry, November 23d, 1866.

Registering officer and Military Commissioner in Virginia from April 15th to Nov. 2nd; reconstructed the counties of Bath, York, Gloucester, Mathews and James City. Broke up the Negro slab towns in Tidewater,--Virginia and sent the negroes to their homes.

On board re-establishing the lunatic asylums of Virginia, in the meantime commanding posts at Yorktown, Williamsburg and Petersburg.

Transferred from Major of Twenty-first Infantry to awaiting orders, March 15th, 1869.

Appointed Assistant Superintendent General Recruiting service G. O. 26, A. G. O., 1869.

Transferred as Major to Tenth Infantry, June 24th, 1869. In command at Fort McIntosh, Texas, to June 1871; at Ringgold Barracks to September 19th, 1872.

Appointed Attorney for the U. S. Government (October 1st), in the Mexican border claims, involving many millions of dollars, to March 31st, 1873. In the claims he defended, only \$46,000 adjudged to Mexico. Disbursing officer at Vicksburg, Mississippi, to July 2d, 1874.

Second in command in Mackenzie's Kiowa campaign to November 11th, 1874.

In command of Tenth Infantry and Fort McKavett, Texas, from June to October, 1876, and from August 1877 to January 1878.

Commanding Columbus Barracks on General Recruiting Service. from October 1st, 1878, to September 30th, 1880.

Promoted Lieutenant-Colonel, Ninth Infantry, March 20th, 1879.

In command of Fort McKinnie, Wyoming, two years, from 1880 to 1882.

In Command of the Ninth Infantry from February 26th, 1882, to June 11th, 1883.

In command of Fort D. A. Russell, in 1882-1883; and at Fort Bridger in 1883-1884.

Commanded the Ninth Infantry and a detachment of the Seventh Infantry in the Cheyenne troubles in 1885, and a Battalion of the Ninth and Sixth Infantries at Evanston, Wyoming, in the Chinese riots, 1885.

Promoted Colonel of the Fourteenth Infantry September 6th, 1886.

Assumed command of the Regiment and Post of Vancouver Barracks, November 1st, 1886. As Post Commander carried on a litigation with the Roman Catholic Church, for title to the Vancouver Barracks' reservation, and has secured judgments in all the lower courts.

As a contributor to military literature he has published the following:

"A Court Martial not a Criminal Court."

"Military Service Reform."

"Gettysburg not the decisive Battle of the War."

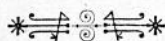
"Our Militia, State and National."

"Army Posts, their Construction and Sanitation."

"A History of the Fourteenth Infantry."

"Methods of Meeting our Military Necessities."

"Conspiracies Preceding the Rebellion," and many others.



Data taken from the records of the Twelfth, Twenty-first, Ninth, Tenth and Fourteenth Infantries.

This service embraces seventeen years in the South; two in the East, and fourteen on the western frontier. During the term he has commanded sixteen posts and stations in different parts of the country and taken part in eighteen battles and engagements. Out of thirty-three years of service, twenty-nine years and six months has been with troops and three years and six months on staff duty or special service.

CIVIL HISTORY.

Born in Chillicothe, Ohio, January 21st, 1836. Educated, Mount St. Mary's College. The son of Wm. Marshall Anderson; grandson of Richard Clough Anderson, colonel Third Virginia; great grandson of Robert Anderson of Goldmine, Hanover County Virginia; great great grandson of Robert Anderson of New Kent C. H., Virginia. The family came to Virginia in 1635. Other paternal branches, the Marshalls, Cloughs, Clarkes and McLougs. Maternal grandson of Duncan McArthur, Governor of Ohio and Brigadier General in war of 1812; of Scotch descent from Campbells and McDonalds. (*Vide* American Ancestry, Vol. VII.

President of the Oregon and Washington Society and Vice-President General Sons of the American Revolution. A commander of the Loyal Legion and member of the Commandery in Chief. A Comrade of the G. A. R. A bank director in Washington and land owner in Oregon, Texas and Ohio. Member of the bar in Kentucky, Texas and Ohio; F. and A. M.

The following blood relatives have been officers in the service of the Government.

WAR OF INDEPENDENCE.

RICHARD CLOUGH ANDERSON, Lt. Col., 3d Va
 JOHN ANDERSON, Capt. 3rd, Va.
 GEORGE ROGERS CLARK, Brig. Genl. in Provisional force.
 JONATHAN CLARK, Lt. Col. 8th Va.
 JOHN MARSHALL (Chief Justice) Capt. 7th Va.
 THOMAS MARSHALL, Col. 3rd, Va.
 WILLIAM CROGHAN, Capt. 4th, Va.
 CAPT. WM. CLARK, (of Lewis & Clark) 1st Art.

WAR OF 1812.

DUNCAN McARTHUR, Brig. Genl.
 JOHN McDONALD, Lt. and Q. M. 1st Ohio Mil.
 BV'T. MAJ. WM. McDONALD, 1st Lt. 19th Inft.

MEXICAN WAR.

ROBERT ANDERSON, Capt. 3rd, Art.
 THOMAS F. MARSHALL, Capt., Ky. Vol.
 HUMPHREY MARSHALL, Major, Ky. Vol.

THE WAR OF 1861-5.

ROBERT ANDERSON, Brig. Genl.
 GOV. CHARLES ANDERSON, Col., 93d, Ohio.
 BVT. B. G., N. L. ANDERSON, Col. 6th, Ohio.
 WM. P. ANDERSON, Capt. A. A. G. Vol.
 CAPT. FRED P. ANDERSON, A. D. C. to Gen. Schofield.
 CAPT. E. L. ANDERSON, A. D. C. to General Stanley.
 H. R. ANDERSON, Capt. 6th U. S. Vol.
 JOHN SIMPSON, Capt. 11th Ind.

(*Vide* Heitman's Registers).

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